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SUBJ: HABITAT: PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION

1. SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT (A/CONF.70/PC/25) ON INTERNATIONAL ACTION PROPOSALS WAS ISSUED AS HABITAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OPENED JANUARY 12. DISCUSSION OF IT AND RELATED INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JANUARY 16.

2. BASIC IDEA OF NEW DOCUMENT IS THAT CONSIDERABLE TIME WILL BE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT LIKELY INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES AGREED TO IN VANCOUVER AND TO ORGANIZE LONG TERM PROGRAMS. IN MEANTIME, UN SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MOMENTUM GENERATED BY HABITAT CONFERENCE AND INITIATE PROGRAMS IN FIVE AREAS. THOSE ACTIVITIES SHOULD RELY CHIEFLY ON EXISTING INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS. FINANCING "WOULD BE THROUGH A CONSORTIUM TYPE APPROACH WITH PARTICIPATING DONORS AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES MEETING TOGETHER ANNUALLY." INTERNATIONAL INPUT WOULD COVER ADVISERS, INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT, POSSIBLE FELLOWSHIPS AND SUPPLIES. HOST COUNTRIES WOULD PROVIDE LOCAL CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS. ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE DECENTRALIZED TO REGIONS AND COUNTRIES WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

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DOCUMENT PROPOSES THAT PROGRAMS BEGIN IN JANUARY 1977.

3. SUMMARY OF FIVE PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOLLOWS:

A. REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES: TO PROVIDE MONEY, PERSONNEL, IDEAS AND EQUIPMENT TO NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES AND UNDERTAKE LIMITED ACTIVITIES IN REGIONAL TRAINING. SUGGESTS FIVE OR SIX SUCH INSTITUTES BE SET UP QUICKLY WITHIN EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS.

B. REGIONAL RESEARCH CENTERS: AIMED AT RESEARCH TO ASSIST POLICY MAKERS AND PLANNERS REGIONAL TEAMS WOULD PREPARE PRIORITY LISTING OF RESEARCH PROJECTS AND "COMMISSION" NATIONAL INSTITUTES TO UNDERTAKE THOSE AGREED TO. REGIONAL RESEARCH CENTERS THEMSELVES WOULD ALSO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN RESEARCH PROJECTS AND MONITOR THOSE ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT NATIONALLY.

C. INFORMATION PROGRAMS: LONG TERM AIM HERE IS PROGRAM WHICH WOULD PROVIDE "MAIN THRUST" OF A FUTURE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ORGANIZATION. FIVE TYPES OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS ARE SUGGESTED: REGIONAL DATA BANKS PROVIDING WIDE RANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; ARRANGEMENTS TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES WHICH IN SHORT RUN WOULD BE BUILT AROUND LIBRARY OF FILMS USED AT HABITAT CONFERENCE AND IN LONGER RUN WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY MORE AMBITIOUS; AN "INTELLIGENCE GATHERING SYSTEM" RELATED TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; RESEARCH INFORMATION FROM PROGRAMS SUMMARIZED ABOVE; PILOT DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WHICH INITIALLY WOULD BE SHOWN CHIEFLY THROUGH FILMS.

D. HUMAN SETTLEMENT ADVISORY TEAMS. WOULD RESPOND TO NATIONAL REQUESTS FOR AID TO INITIATE PROJECTS OR EVALUATE EXISTING ONES. WOULD EMPHASIZE CROSS-FERTILIZATION OF IDEAS AND PROJECTS WITHIN A REGION. SHOULD START EXPERIMENTALLY IN ONE REGION ONLY.

E. RECRUITMENT UNITS: SUB-REGIONAL UNITS WOULD MAINTAIN REGISTERS OF AVAILABLE EXPERTS AND ASSIST NATIONS IN SELECTION AND HIRING ARRANGEMENTS.

4. SECRETARIAT HAS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING TIMETABLE FOR HANDLING UNCLASSIFIED

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ITS PROPOSALS: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AT THIS MEETING; FEBRUARY-MAY -- ELABORATION OF PROGRAMS AND DETAILED CONSULTATIONS WITH AND AMONG GOVERNMENTS; VANCOUVER CONFERENCE -- AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLES ON SPECIFIC PROGRAMS; JAN 1977 -- SIGNING OF FORMAL AGREEMENTS, START OF PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES AND FORMULATION OF DETAILED PROJECT DOCUMENTS; JAN 1978 (OR EARLIER OF THE LONG TERM INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON) -- A REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM.

5. US DEL PLANS TO COMMEND SECRETARIAT FOR DEVISING
PROGRAMS FOR MAINTAINING MOMENTUM OF CONFERENCE, BUT INTENDS
USING THIS MEETING TO PROBE FOR CLEARER IDEA ABOUT THOSE
PROGRAMS AND BOTH THEIR INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL
IMPLICATIONS.
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